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SUBJECT: MICA - GSA STOCKPILE DISPOSALS

1. GSA IS PROPOSING A 1.4 MILLION POUND INCREASE IN FY 1975 DISPOSAL PROGRAM FOR MUSCOVITE MICA SPLITTINGS, BRINGING OVERALL FY 1975 DISPOSAL PROGRAM FOR THIS TYPE MICA TO 3.9 MILLION POUNDS. PROPOSED INCREASE, WHICH BEING MADE TO MEET HIGHER DEMAND BY US INDUSTRY FOR MUSCOVITE MICA SPLITTINGS (DEMAND RESULTING PARTIALLY FROM GROWING INABILITY OF US MICA TRADE TO OBTAIN NEEDED SUPPLIES FROM INDIA), DOES NOT RPT NOT AFFECT DISPOSAL PROGRAM FOR FY 1976, WHICH AT THIS POINT REMAINS 2.5 MILLION POUNDS (FY 1976 DISPOSAL PROGRAM FOR MUSCOVITE MICA BLOCK AND FILM ALSO REMAINS SAME AS FOR FY 1975-- 1.5 MILLION POUNDS). FYI: IN ADDITION TO INCREASED DEMAND NOTED ABOVE, PART OF 1.4 MILLION POUND INCREASE NEEDED TO COVER INADVERTENT GSA SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 450,000 POUNDS MUSCOVITE SPLITTINGS BEYOND THE CURRENT FY'S 2.5 MILLION POUND DISPOSAL PROGRAM. END FYI.

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2. DEPARTMENT CONSULTED MAY 23 WITH INDIAN EMBASSY COMMERCIAL ATTACHE PANDEY ON PROPOSED INCREASE IN MUSCOVITE SPLITTINGS DISPOSAL PROGRAM, CITING INCREASED DEMAND AND DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING INDIAN MICA AS PRIME REASONS FOR INCREASE IN FY 1975 PROGRAM, AND REQUESTED GOI REACTION TO PROPOSED INCREASE WITHIN TEN WORKING DAYS. PANDEY COMMENTED INFORMALLY THAT HE EXPECTED GOI REACTION TO BE NEGATIVE, ADDING THAT HE KNOWS OF NO DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING INDIAN MICA.

3. ABOVE INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION ONLY, IN EVENT GOI AND/OR OTHER INQUIRIES MADE CONCERNING PROPOSED INCREASE IN FY 1975 SPLITTINGS DISPOSAL PROGRAM. SHOULD GOI ASK ABOUT ABSENCE OF CONSULTATIONS ON FY 1976 DISPOSAL PROGRAM, EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY THAT DEPARTMENT DID NOT CONSULT WITH INDIAN EMBASSY SINCE FY 1976 DISPOSAL PROGRAMS FOR MUSCOVITE MICA (BLOCK, FILM, SPLITTINGS) UNCHANGED FROM FY 1975 PROGRAMS. INGERSOLL

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